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TAGS: CPAS CPRS PO (FRANCO, ALEXANDER AND DIANNA)

SUBJECT: PASSPORT APPLICATIONS AND CUSTODY DISPUTE

1. MARIA FRANCO OF CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY, IN PORTUGAL ATTEMPTING TO REGAIN CUSTODY OF CHILDREN, ALEXANDER AND DIANNA. CHILDREN WERE TAKEN FROM U.S. TO PORTUGAL BY MRS. FRANCO'S ESTRANGED HUSBAND, A PORTUGUESE CITIZEN, IN DEFIANCE OF NEW JERSEY COURT ORDER.

2. MRS. FRANCO INFORMS EMBASSY THAT MR. TONY SERIDAKIS, CHIEF OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS, PASSPORT OFFICE, HAD IN MIND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS EMBASSY IN EVENT SHE SHOULD HAVE TO REMOVE CHILDREN FROM PORTUGAL WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF EXISTING AMERICAN PASSPORTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THOSE INSTRUCTIONS.

3. EMBASSY OTHERWISE TAKING POSITION THAT WE CAN OFFER NO FURTHER ASSISTANCE EXCEPT TO PUT MRS. FRANCO IN TOUCH WITH A LOCAL LAWYER. SHE HAS ASKED US TO SAFEGUARD CERTAIN DOCUMENTS, BUT WE HAVE DECLINED TO DO SO. IF WE ARE TAKING AN OVERLY CAUTIOUS APPROACH, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM EITHER PASSPORT OFFICE OR OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES.  
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